

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: 04/18/2012
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 1360
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BILL SUMMARY: Vessels

Under existing law, the California Clean Coast Act restricts the release of graywater, hazardous waste, oily bilgewater, sewage, and sewage sludge from a large passenger vessel (LPV) or oceangoing ship into state marine waters. Under existing law, some of these provisions sunset January 1, 2014.

This bill would make various changes enhancing marine water and marine sanctuary protections by restricting LPV and oceangoing ship releases of graywater, hazardous waste, oily bilgewater, sewage, and sewage sludge. The bill also would make permanent specified LPV graywater and sewage release reporting requirements.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Water Board states the bill would have no significant fiscal impact. The Water Board is currently performing vessel enforcement activities and would continue to absorb the workload required by the bill.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on the bill because it would enhance protection of marine waters and sanctuaries while resulting in no additional state costs.

The bill would provide the Water Board with permanent authority to assess civil penalties on LPVs and oceangoing ships illegally releasing graywater, hazardous waste, oily bilgewater, sewage, and sewage sludge into state marine waters or marine sanctuaries. Additionally, the bill would make permanent the existing requirement that the Water Board determine the necessity of applying to the federal government for authority to prohibit specified LPV and oceangoing ship releases into marine sanctuaries, and, potentially, applying for this authority, contingent upon the Water Board findings.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP					Fund		
	RV	98	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	Code
3940/SWRCB	SO	No		-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----			0193
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0193	Waste Discharge Permit Fund								

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